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V. *Part of a Letter from William Burton, M. D. at Windsor, to C. Mortimer, R. S. Secr. concerning the Viper-catchers, and their Remedy for the Bite of a Viper.*

S I R,

Windsor, May 24, 1734.

THE Bearer of this, *William Oliver*, and his Wife, called upon me last Week with their *Vipers*, and either of them offered to be bit by any *Viper*, and to suffer their Arm to swell for some Time; and then, by the external Application of a common cheap Remedy, in a few Hours to remove all the Symptoms. The Experiment was made last *Wednesday* in our Town-Hall, before Dr. *Derham*, F. R. S. Dr. *Waterland*, the Physicians, Apothecaries, and Chirurgeons of this Town, and many other Gentlemen of this Neighbourhood. He was bit in the upper Joint of the Thumb, and higher up on the same Arm, by two different fresh *Vipers*: His Thumb, Hand and Arm soon after swelled much, and all the usual Symptoms of a *Viper-bite* followed; he applied the Remedy [*Sallad-Oil*] before us, with the promised Success: But all the Contributors engaged not to divulge the Remedy * * *

Yours, &c.

WILLIAM BURTON.

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